

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'What do you think of teachers being armed?'



"In the right circumstances, I don't think it's bad. I guess I wouldn't necessarily arm teachers. I think key personnel, maybe, but teachers, (it's) a little different in the classroom. But key personnel, I think in the right circumstances, I don't think it's a bad idea."

Brian Ploghoft, Astoria



"I think it's completely ludicrous."

Robert Barr, Astoria



"It's probably a good idea if they have previous firearms experience such as military or police or are willing to go through some standard training so they can help keep children safer in schools."

Sally Freeman, Astoria

Port of Vancouver votes to end oil terminal lease

By MOLLY SOLOMON
Oregon Public Broadcasting

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The long-proposed Vancouver Energy oil terminal project officially died Tuesday.

Vancouver port commissioners made it official by unanimously voting to cancel the lease.

After nearly five years of debating whether to build the nation's largest oil-by-rail terminal in Vancouver, the port and Vancouver Energy agreed to end their lease.

The \$210 million project, a joint venture from Tesoro and Savage, would have brought up to 360,000 gallons of crude oil a day on trains traveling along the Columbia River.

The decision came a month before a March 31 deadline set by the port that required Vancouver Energy to obtain all of the necessary permits for the project.

Port CEO Julianna Marler told commissioners that Vancouver Energy approached the port on Friday with a proposal to end the lease early.

"From the port's perspective, this gives us the ability to market the property that's currently under the lease and provides us an earlier opportunity to look at other potential tenants for that site," Marler told the commissioners at Tuesday's meeting.

Port of Vancouver Communications Manager Abbi Russell said the port has already narrowed down a couple of businesses that have expressed interest in Terminal 5. She says the additional acreage and rail



AP Photo/Matthew Brown

An oil-by-rail project in Vancouver, Wash., has died.

access freed up by Vancouver Energy's departure will only provide more opportunities for the port moving forward.

Vancouver Energy General Manager Jared Larrabee told port commissioners on Tuesday that the company will donate \$100,000 set aside for next month's rent to charities in southwest Washington state. In partnership with the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, the funds will be released in the form of grants to local organizations.

"Our focus really at this point in time is making sure we're concluding this in a way that's positive for the community," Larrabee told OPB. "And that we're ending this on a high note."

The decision comes after a series of setbacks for the terminal project. In late November, Washington's Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council unanimously decided to recommend against building the terminal in Vancouver.

Then in January, Gov. Jay Inslee rejected a key permit to build the facility, essentially ending its chances unless the developers appealed that decision.

Under state law, the evaluation council is supposed to make a decision on energy projects within a year. But in the case of the Vancouver Energy oil terminal, Washington's energy board has been considering the project since 2013 — a point of frustration for Vancouver Energy stakeholders, Larrabee said.

"We think that it's actually incumbent upon stakeholders in the state of Washington to really look at how to improve and streamline siting energy facilities in the state," he said. He added that the terminal's outcome will have a chilling effect on future business in the state.

"This will change how all businesses and all industrial projects, whether it's energy or not, look at business in the state of Washington," Larrabee said.

Former educator hired for new Clatsop County internship post

The Daily Astorian

Anna Stamper has been hired as the Clatsop Economic Development Resources' coordinator for the Clatsop Works internship program. She starts March 12.

The new paid internship program will pair high schoolers with local employers. Participating businesses must be able to host interns for up to six weeks, pay at least minimum wage and provide them an employee mentor and management.

Stamper served in the Coast

Guard for five years and taught social studies and humanities at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia. She holds a bachelor's in government and political science from the Coast Guard Academy and a master's in secondary education from Old Dominion University.



Anna Stamper

A Coos Bay native, Stamper relocated to the North Coast in 2016 to be near her family. She worked at the Wet Dog Cafe, Downtown Coffee Shop and as an advertising representative at The Daily Astorian before joining the city as an administrative assistant.

Stamper's position with the college is funded almost fully by local school districts. She will work under Clatsop Economic Development Resources and the Small Business Development Center and be based at the college's South County Center.

Judge finds issues with Port's airport contract claims

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A Multnomah County Circuit Court judge has denied the Port of Astoria's attempts to end before trial a case the agency brought against Astoria Regional Airport paver Corpac Construction Co.

Civil engineering firm Harper Houf Peterson, a subcontractor for Corpac, claims it provided \$129,000 worth of services but were stiffed

\$70,000 by the construction company. The Port, overseeing the federal grant financing the airport work, took the case on behalf of the engineers.

The Contractors Bonding & Insurance Co., the entity responsible for ensuring payment through a surety bond, was named as a co-defendant. The Port's lawyers claim the insurer is responsible for the bill.

The judge agreed with the defendants that there are fac-

tual issues in the case, such as the defendants claims that Harper Houf Peterson overbilled and did not perform parts of the contract properly. Corpac also claims the contract between the parties is ambiguous.

Trisha Cauthorn, president of Corpac, submitted testimony claiming Harper Houf Peterson billed for services such as clerical work for which her company is not responsible.

DEATHS

Feb. 27, 2018

COURTNEY, Ruth E., 94, of Naselle, Washington, died in Naselle. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Feb. 25, 2018

LILLY, Florence Ruby, 84, of Seaside, died in

Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Feb. 21, 2018

AQUESTO, Frank H., 92, of Portland, formerly of Seaside, died in Portland. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIALS

Saturday, March 3

JOHNSON, Marvin LeRoy — Memorial at 2 p.m., Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave. A reception follows at the Iredale Inn, 159 S. Main Ave. in Warrenton. An

online guest book is available at caldwellsmortuary.com

RISER, Mildred Zola — Memorial gathering at 2 p.m., 968 S.W. Long Lake Drive in Warrenton.

CORRECTION

Purpose misstated — Oregon wants to hire 13 regulatory specialists to inspect medical-marijuana licensees who have elected to join a cannabis tracking system. A 1A story on Tuesday misstated the purpose of the specialists.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY

Astoria School Board, 5:15 p.m., special meeting to amend school calendar, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.
Cannon Beach Business Continuity and Emergency Preparedness, 1:30 to 4 p.m., 163 E. Gower St.

THURSDAY

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board, 10 a.m., Gable Park Apartments, 2544 Gable Road, St. Helens.
Astoria Design Review Committee, 5:30 p.m., City Hall 1095 Duane St.
Cannon Beach Academy, 5:30 p.m., 3718 S. Hemlock St.
Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-5-3-7
4 p.m.: 2-5-1-9
7 p.m.: 5-6-4-0
10 p.m.: 8-5-8-4
Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 04-05-

09-14-20-24-25-29

Estimated jackpot: \$42,000
Tuesday's Mega Millions:
10-17-21-38-43, Mega Ball: 23
Estimated jackpot: \$243 million

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 0-9-7
Tuesday's Keno: 03-09-13-20-27-30-44-51-52-55-57-58-62-63-66-67-69-71-75-77
Tuesday's Match 4: 01-10-11-13

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA DOWNLOAD THE AccuWeather APP

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
35	46 / 33	47 / 32	48 / 33	48 / 35
Rain	Chilly with occasional rain and drizzle	Chilly with periods of rain	Clouds and sun with a few showers; chilly	Mostly cloudy with a little rain

ALMANAC
Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures
High/low 47°/34°
Normal high/low 52°/37°
Record high 71° in 1968
Record low 21° in 1962

Precipitation
Tuesday 0.26"
Month to date 5.89"
Normal month to date 6.94"
Year to date 17.25"
Normal year to date 17.14"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 6:00 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 6:55 a.m.
Moonrise today 4:42 p.m.
Moonset today 6:20 a.m.

Full Last New First

Mar 1 Mar 9 Mar 17 Mar 24

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Arcturus of Bootes emerging from the eastern night sky near midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Low
12:55 a.m.	8.7 ft.	6:43 a.m.
12:36 p.m.	9.7 ft.	7:22 p.m.
		1.6 ft.
		-1.0 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	65 61 r	71 42 r
Boston	58 41 pc	53 37 c
Chicago	56 39 c	40 27 r
Denver	42 19 pc	52 27 pc
Des Moines	45 30 c	46 24 c
Detroit	56 38 sh	43 29 r
El Paso	55 33 pc	63 38 s
Fairbanks	7 -15 s	9 -2 s
Honolulu	82 73 s	82 72 s
Indianapolis	56 49 sh	56 29 r
Kansas City	56 33 r	50 27 pc
Las Vegas	59 43 s	62 47 c
Los Angeles	61 47 s	60 52 pc
Memphis	71 57 r	62 37 pc
Miami	83 69 pc	86 68 pc
Nashville	63 54 r	62 35 r
New Orleans	64 69 pc	82 56 pc
New York	58 45 pc	54 42 r
Oklahoma City	70 36 c	56 28 s
Philadelphia	57 43 pc	54 42 r
St. Louis	59 49 c	50 30 pc
Salt Lake City	41 32 pc	47 41 sn
San Francisco	57 50 pc	57 44 r
Seattle	46 37 r	48 36 r
Washington, DC	60 49 c	54 42 r

REGIONAL WEATHER
Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Baker City	35 28 c	41 26 sn
Bend	44 31 r	40 23 sn
Brookings	49 38 r	43 36 r
Eugene	47 35 r	46 32 r
Ilwaco	46 38 r	44 36 r
Klamath Falls	41 27 r	37 17 sn
Medford	48 34 r	48 31 r
Newberg	46 37 r	47 33 r
Newport	47 37 r	44 35 r
North Bend	50 38 r	46 36 r
Olympia	43 34 r	47 31 r
Pendleton	48 37 c	45 32 r
Portland	47 38 r	50 34 r
Roseburg	49 37 r	47 34 r
Salem	47 37 r	49 34 r
Seaside	47 37 r	45 35 r
Spokane	38 32 c	41 30 sn
Springfield	47 36 r	45 33 r
Vancouver	46 37 r	47 34 r
Yakima	47 33 r	51 28 c

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

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